

LONG ISLAND BROOK TROUT.

STREAMS AND PRESERVES THAT ARE

WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS.

Some of them Described—Where the Delicate Fish Run Wild and Where they are Raised by Man—Some Curious Facts about Them.

The close season for trout under the new law on Long Island expired on the 1st of April, and a fishing season is open. It is estimated that the island brooks and preserves are worth over \$1,000,000. The finest fish are found on the south side of the island, where the ponds are backed by the salt water at high tide, and large fish are taken in the creeks. Besides the private streams and ponds there are many brooks that the ordinary sightseer would pass by unnoticed. But let a disciple of Leask Walton catch a view of the brook and mire bring him to mind, he should no longer be asked

no sunshine to dispel the gloom, for he well knows that the speckled trout dart through the wide, swift-running brook or lie in deep covers ready to dart back and seize the wriggling bait. Many fine streams of trout are taken by the farmer boys from the pure brooks that flow from the hillsides into the city, and return home with all the honor of the catch themselves. As a general thing the streams, owing to the overhanging trees, do not afford good fly fishing. This season the fish are abundant, and old fishermen say that owing to the ponds being covered with ice during the winter they will be firm in flesh and good to eat. As the season advances and the fish active, fly fishing has already commenced. The island on both the north and south sides, from Newtown to Sag Harbor, abounds in trout brooks and ponds, mostly owned by private individuals and clubs. In many of the clubs as well as private ponds anglers are only allowed at one fishing to take from five to seven fish, and the fish must be caught with the fly. The open season closes on the first of September, after which time the fish are taken with the hook and line. The island of William H. Furman at Masspe, 23 miles from the Williamsburgh ferries, his ponds are the best of the island. The fish are of good length, and fed by boiling sprouts from the bottom. His hatching shad are outstandingly good. He has a large hatchery, the fish ranging from an inch in length to trout and four pounders. He has a large trout and salmon spawn, for the raising of which his ponds are particularly adapted. His fact, was the first to embark in the trout-rising

business in this country for the purpose of collecting eggs from the wild birds and fish and other pond owners Mr. Furman suffers from poachers, minks, muskrats, and deer, and is constantly on the alert to protect his property. He stands, which prohibits the owners of trout from marketing their fish in the city of April, and the trout on the flat when fed in ponds are in better condition in January than in the fall. The trout are kept in the ponds more easily covered. Furman's spawning tanks are covered with sand and coarse gravel, and the water is kept at a temperature of 50° and they are thus kept active and pure. The spawn are deposited late in the fall, after which the eggs are kept in the tanks until they are shut off from the spawning around. The spawn are kept in the tanks until they are as soon as hatched they are put into the nursery, where they are carefully fed for a time. The young are kept in the tanks until they attain a length only about three or four inches. The second year they grow to a length of about six inches, and are then put in from three to four years, weighing from four to six pounds. The trout are kept in the ponds until the same time, some grow twice as fast as others, and if great care is not observed the trout will grow to a length of 100 pounds. The establishment of Mr. Furman is always open for inspection, and fishing is allowed at all times. The trout are sold at a price of \$1.00 per pound, and the weight of the fish is guaranteed. The trout are well adapted for trout. He has also carp and sunfish ponds.

The trout are kept in the line of the Montana Railroad, there are no ponds or brooks worthy of note until Baldwin's is reached, the trout are kept in the ponds, and the trout are sold having been purchased by the Brooklyn City Water Works.

The trout are caught in the ponds. Baldwin's is the private pond of Francis H. Baldwin, who has been fishing in the ponds for many years the trout has been reared, as well as the brook, the boys damming the lower end of the pond, and the trout are kept in the ponds.

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fish in this season. Next below are the ponds of Messrs. Ely and Miller, more pretentious in size and abounding in fish. Then comes the famous Stump or Blydenberg's pond, which was a favorite resort years ago in the trouting season for Daniel Webster and many other men of note. The pond covers several hundred acres, and is the best natural trout preserve on the north side of the island. Like many other ponds where great care is a

best locomotives to be hammered to pieces in

"The fact is that they manage most of your roads here with an eye to Wall street, rather than to the direct interests of the concerns. I tried to find out how large was the stock interest of cities like Chicago and St. Paul in the railroads of that region, and I discovered that nearly the whole stock of these companies was held in New York, London, and Amsterdam. A Chicago humorist told me that he knew of one trustees fund that held six shares of Northwestern company, and had heard of an old German woman in Milwaukee who had fifteen shares of St. Paul common, and was lately ad-

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